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COMPOUNDS, METHOD FOR

PREPARING SAME AND USE THEREOF FOR MARKING MACROMOLECULES

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated January 17, 2008, reconsideration is respectfully requested in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 16 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this response.